



THE RURAL HEALTH INNOVATION COLLABORATIVE (RHIC)

The Rural Health Innovation Collaborative (RHIC) represents a unique opportunity to align the resources and strategic direction of several community institutions in Terre Haute to address a grand challenge - improving and expanding health care in our community. The mission of the RHIC is to improve and expand education and training of health care professionals and future health care professionals, especially for those committed to serving rural and underserved populations. Key components of this mission include:

- (a) To promote the retention of health care professionals to serve rural and underserved populations;
- (b) To promote community revitalization in Terre Haute, Indiana by promoting the enhancement of opportunities for education, training, and experience in health-related professions and fields;
- (c) To promote social welfare and to encourage and coordinate community initiatives to address challenges affecting health care delivery;
- (d) To promote the purposes described in subparts (a) through (c) above by promoting the efficient use of public and private resources; and by collaborating with other entities with similar or complementary purposes; and
- (e) To design and implement innovative best practices and strategies to achieve the aforesaid purposes that are capable of replication in other areas of the United States and to disseminate educational information regarding the above, thereby benefiting those other areas.

Thursday/Friday Breakout Session Information:

Breakout Session #1(Thursday)-will focus on inter-professional education issues and challenges in Indiana's health care field.

Breakout Session #2 (Thursday)-will focus on the exciting RHIC District being designed in downtown Terre Haute and how the Rural Health Innovation Collaborative sparked this urban development initiative.

Breakout Session #3 (Friday)-will share information regarding the Upper Midwest Tele-health Resource Center and include discussions regarding the FCC bandwidth opportunities.

Breakout Session #4 (Friday)-this final session will focus on the health care transformation and impact on rural economies.